

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MONROVIA LIBRARY BOARD
HELD THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024**

CONVENE: President Harvis convened the regular meeting of the Monrovia Library Board on Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Monrovia Community Center, Monroe Room, 119 W. Palm Avenue, Monrovia, California. Staff in attendance: Community Services Director, Tina Cherry, Youth Services Supervisor, Ginger Antunez, Management Analyst, Julie Gallardo, Administrative Assistant Giana Marini.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Boardmember Carlson led the Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL: In attendance: Boardmember Allen, Boardmember Carlson, Boardmember Woodford, Vice President Ramos, and President Harvis.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR: CC-1 was moved by Boardmember Allen and seconded by Boardmember Carlson. CC-2 was moved by Boardmember Carlson and seconded by Boardmember Woodford. There were no objections and the motion was unanimously approved.

CC-1 Unadopted Minutes of the April 25, 2024 Regular Meeting

CC-2 Adult and Youth Services Program Report for May 2024

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD (TAB): Yasmin Siam, a 10th grader at Monrovia High School provided updates on current and upcoming TAB events.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

RFS-1 Tina Cherry, Community Services Director

- The City has partnered with a Social Service group called Care Solace. This program provides mental health services to those struggling at any level and seeks to eliminate difficult barriers to those seeking help. Care Solace is free to the community and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week for those with and without health coverage. Resources are provided through email, texting or phone calls, with over 200 languages available. A quick survey assesses the needs of an individual and provides them with an appointment with the necessary care services for their needs, and follows up with them afterwards to make any care adjustments. Care Solace provided a cost deduction for the City of Monrovia by reducing the population number from the school district from Monrovia's overall total population, since the school district is already a partner with Care Solace. The City is looking for stakeholders to help promote the program and encourages Library Board Members to share Care Solace information with their respective organizations and

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clubs to help get resources out to the community.

RFS-2 Ginger Antunez, Youth Services Supervisor and Julie Gallardo, Management Analyst spoke on behalf of Carey Vance, Library Manager

- Teen Advisory Board (TAB) seniors have completed 592 volunteer hours, which has surpassed last year's volunteer hours. Teen Advisory Board (TAB) President, Tkaya Samuels will be attending the University of Southern California and the TAB Secretary, Oliver Sherman will be attending either Loyola Marymount University or Pepperdine University. Librarian Amanda Carey will share a full overview on the TAB presentation in September, once the service year ends.
- Boardmembers are invited to the Second Annual Community Picnic celebrating Veterans and their families on Saturday, June 1 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The picnic will include a barbeque, music and lawn games including Cornhole, giant Connect Four, bubbles, kid's crafts, Veteran's Resource booths and more.
- The Summer Reading Program will run from June 1 through July 30 and sign-ups will begin June 1. Patrons will get one free book in June and one free book in July. Patrons can participate in completing a passport which includes five activities to complete over the summer in order to receive a prize. Biweekly contests will be held for all ages. Summer programs for children, teens and adults to participate in will include Ukulele lessons, Mini-Vation Lab, art classes, Box Car Drive-In Movie, Stuffed Animal Sleepover, Mathnasium Meetup, Pop-up Makerspace, After Hours Laser Tag, Sunprinting workshops and more. The Summer Reading Kickoff Event will take place on Saturday, June 8 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Library Park. Activities will include a Magic Show with Michael Rayner, Minute to Win It games, Star Wars Characters, Bubble Dance Party, Video Game Free Play, Mini-Movie Marathon and crafts.

LIBRARY BOARD LIAISON REPORTS:

- LR-1 President Harvis:** The Monrovia Historical Museum continues to build its Historical Homes Exhibit. The museum's lighting continues to be enhanced by a generous volunteer who specializes in lighting design.
- LR-2 Vice President Ramos:** The Friends of the Monrovia Public Library President, Karen Hollinhurst has retired from her job of nearly 40 years and the board reaffirmed its current members. The booksale took place during the Monrovia Days Community Festival.
- LR-3 Boardmember Allen:** Monrovia Reads has \$2,100 dollars in new scholarships that will be awarded this year. There is about 1,000 books in storage that Monrovia Reads is looking to donate to the community and encourages community leaders to look into donation opportunities.
- LR-4 Boardmember Carlson:** The Monrovia Public Library Foundation will be awarding the Teen Advisory Board scholarships soon. The Tournament of Roses

Foundation awarded \$10,000 dollars to the Monrovia Public Library Foundation that will support the Monrovia Pubic Library's instrument collection.

LR-5 Boardmember Woodford: Boardmember Woodford attended four California State Meetings for the Heritage Society Women's Service Groups during March and April. The Heritage Society Women's Service Groups are interested and available to donate historical books for children and adults to local organizations.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular Library Board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 27, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The regular meeting of the Library Board was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.